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NEW YORK CATTLE INVENTORY INCREASES

New York cattle and calves totaled 1.41 million on January 1, 2010, according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. All cattle and calves were 2 percent above the January 1 total of the previous year.

Milk cows, which comprise 43 percent of the total cattle in New York, numbered 610,000 head, down 2 percent from January of the previous year. New York remained third in the US in number of dairy cows behind California with 1.76 million and Wisconsin with 1.26 million. Milk cow replacement heifers were up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Beef cows totaled 90,000 head, up 6 percent from a year ago. Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 33,000 head, up 5,000 head from a year earlier. Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were up 18 percent to 91,000 head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were up 7 percent at 16,000 head. The 2009 New York calf crop totaled 490,000 head, down 2 percent from 2008.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2010, totaled 93.7 million head, 1 percent below the 94.5 million on January 1, 2009. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.5 million, were down 1 percent from the 41.0 million on January 1, 2009.

Beef cows, at 31.4 million, were down 1 percent from January 1, 2009. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were down 3 percent from January 1, 2009. The 2009 calf crop was estimated at 35.8 million head, down 1 percent from 2008. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 26.0 million, down 1 percent from 2008. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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